

OPINION 2062 (Case 3198)***Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908 (Crustacea, Isopoda): *H. granulatus* Richardson, 1908 designated as the type species**

Abstract. The Commission has designated *Heteromesus granulatus* Richardson, 1908 as the type species of the marine isopod genus *Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908 (family ISCHNOMESIDAE), thereby conserving the established usage of this generic name. Menzies (1962) had designated *Ischnosoma thomsoni* Beddard, 1886 as the type species, but this species has the characters of the genus *Haplomesus* Richardson, 1908 and this designation has been set aside.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy: Crustacea; Isopoda; ISCHNOMESIDAE; *Heteromesus*; *Haplomesus*; *Heteromesus granulatus*; *Haplomesus thomsoni*; marine.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908 are hereby set aside and *Heteromesus granulatus* Richardson, 1908 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908 (gender: masculine), type species by designation in (1) above *Heteromesus granulatus* Richardson, 1908, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *granulatus* Richardson, 1908, as published in the binomen *Heteromesus granulatus* (specific name of the type species of *Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3198

An application to conserve the usage of the marine isopod genus *Heteromesus* Richardson, 1908 (family ISCHNOMESIDAE) by designating *Heteromesus granulatus* Richardson, 1908 as the type species was received from Kelly L. Merrin (*Museum Victoria and Department of Zoology, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*) and Gary C.B. Poore (*Museum Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*) on 6 March 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 82–84 (June 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 83. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2003 the votes were as follows: 21 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner (Minelli) voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Eschmeyer. Böhme and Patterson were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

granulatus, *Heteromesus*. Richardson, 1908, *Proceedings of the United States National Museum*, 35: 82.

Heteromesus Richardson, 1908, *Proceedings of the United States National Museum*, 35: 81.